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Malheur National Forest Continues Prescribed Burns

John Day, Oregon- Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts will be continuing work on multiple prescribed burn projects on the Malheur National Forest through the holiday weekend. Prescribed burns are weather dependent; timing of work on each unit will depend on weather and air quality.

Designated areas planned for treatment are:

- Crawford Unit, located in the Crawford Creek area east of Austin and State Highway 7
- 18 Road Corridor
- Knox Unit, located in the southeast portion of the Prairie City Ranger District
- Balance Unit, located on the Middle Fork of the John Day River
- Damon North Unit, located near Pearson Creek and 2 miles east of Swick Old Growth

Signs will be posted as burns are in progress notifying visitors of activity in the area.

Forest users should drive with caution; expecting intermittent smoke along roads and heavy traffic from fire crews in the burn unit vicinity. Signs will be posted alerting visitors about the upcoming burns and forest visitors can expect to see engines and fire crews monitoring these fires until they are declared "out."

Prescribed fires are an integral part of land management across the Malheur National Forest. Each of these burns represents many hours of planning and preparation. Prescribed burns are designed to both reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires as well to restore overall health of the National Forest System lands. Burning may have some short-term impacts on air quality levels, but any burning activity will be accomplished during weather conditions that should minimize impacts of smoke on local communities. For more information on Oregon's smoke management laws, please visit their web page: http://www.oregon.gov/odf/pages/fire/smp/smokemgt_onthe_web.asp.

For further information, contact officials at 541-575-3000. To report a wildfire, call the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center at 1-541-575-1321.



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